

ABSTRACT

A motion picture retrieval information storage apparatus (40) storing retrieval information for retrieving a motion picture, expressed by motion picture data, and constituted of one or more partial motion pictures (140, 142, 144, 146, 160) on the time axis includes a retrieval information generating section (102, 103, 104, 105) generating retrieval information corresponding to each of the one or more partial motion pictures on the basis of the motion picture data and a storage section (106) storing said retrieval information into a storage medium together with a correspondence information between the retrieval information and the motion picture data, wherein retrieval information generating section (102, 103, 104, 105) includes a first summary information generating section (103) for generating summary information (188) of one or more spatially partial motion pictures obtained by spatially splitting each of the one or more partial motion pictures (140, 142, 144, 146, 160) on the time axis.